

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 53-2013

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION EX PARTE

In Re: Ratification of Votes by Chairman Skrmetta as LPSC Representative to the Organization of MISO States.

(Decided at the Commission's June 26, 2013 Business and Executive Session.)

I. OVERVIEW

At its January 30, 2013 Business and Executive Session ("B&E"), the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC" or "Commission") elected Commission Chairman Eric F. Skrmetta to serve as the LPSC's representative to the Entergy Regional State Committee ("ERSC") and the Organization of MISO States ("OMS") for the calendar year 2013 and adopted voting protocols regarding OMS votes (LPSC Special Order No. 12-2013 issued February 21, 2013). This Order ratifies the vote, discussed in more detail below, of Chairman Skrmetta at the OMS Board meeting conducted June 12, 2013.

II. COMMISSION JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY

The jurisdiction of the Commission is set forth by constitutional and statutory provisions. The Louisiana Constitution, Article IV, Section 21, provides:

The Commission shall regulate all common carriers and public utilities and have such other regulatory authority as provided by law. It shall adopt and enforce reasonable rules, regulations, and procedures necessary for the discharge of its duties, and shall have other powers and perform other duties as provided by law.

Louisiana Revised Statute 45:1163(A)(1) provides:

The Commission shall exercise all necessary power and authority over any street, railway, gas, electric light, heat, power, waterworks, or other local public utility for the purpose of fixing and regulating the rates charged or to be charged by and service furnished by such public utility.

III. DISCUSSION

This matter addresses Commission ratification of the vote taken by Chairman Skrmetta as the LPSC's representative to the OMS Board of Directors ("OMS Board"). The OMS Board held a meeting by conference call on Wednesday, June 12, 2013. There was one potential action item on the agenda requiring a vote. Staff followed the protocols to consult with the Secretary and Vice Chairman and to make a recommendation to Chairman Skrmetta prior to the meeting regarding the potential action item and have any actual vote taken ratified at the following B&E. The action item was regarding an OMS/OPSI presentation regarding capacity deliverability between MISO and PJM to be given to FERC Commissioners at their June 20 meeting. OMS and its PJM equivalent, OPSI, have been working collaboratively to address this issue. Staff recommended abstaining because there was not enough information available to recommend an affirmative vote. Chairman Skrmetta abstained from this vote.

The matter was placed on the Commission's June 26, 2013 Agenda for ratification by the full Commission. The Staff recommended that the full Commission ratify Chairman Skrmetta's vote.

IV. CONCLUSION

This matter was considered at the Commission's June 26, 2013 Business and Executive Session. On motion of Commissioner Angelle, seconded by Commissioner Boissiere, and unanimously adopted, the Commission voted to ratify Chairman Skrmetta's vote taken at the OMS Board meeting conducted June 12, 2013.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

This Order is effective immediately.

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**

July 19, 2013

/S/ ERIC F. SKRMETTA

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